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**Morris, Robert C.** *International Arbitration and Procedure.* Pp. x, 238. Price \$1.35. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1911.

No attempt is made in this little series of essays to give an exhaustive treatment of any of the phases of international arbitration and procedure. The object is to place before the reader, in an afternoon's reading, a sketch of what has been accomplished in the development of arbitration as a means of avoiding international conflict.

In the first chapter the examples of arbitration previous to the nineteenth century are reviewed, especially the large number of settlements arrived at through the reference of disputes to monarchs. The cases in which the kings of England and of France have acted are shown to have been numerous and important. The next two chapters show the questions involved in the chief arbitrations of the nineteenth century. The United States has contributed more than any other nation to the development of arbitral law and procedure, both because of the number and the importance of the cases which it has settled by this means. Boundary disputes, claims involving damage to "national interests," pecuniary claims, disputes as to maritime rights and a long line of other subjects have been passed upon by arbitration agreements to which the United States has been a party.

The review of experience clears the way for the discussion of the principles involved in arbitration. It is clearly shown that the usual reservations in arbitration treaties in favor of "national honor," "independence" and "vital interests" rest on no historical basis. There are many instances of arbitrations which have dealt with subjects clearly within these fields. The phrases themselves the author believes admit of no definition of their content. Every dispute which arises involves more or less directly the exceptions heretofore forming a part of the arbitration agreements. The author believes that no great advance will be made until we frankly face this fact and adopt the broad principle of unlimited arbitration. The volume is closed by a review of the cases which have been brought before the Hague Court showing the degree to which we have approached a true tribunal having jurisdiction over states.

No better brief summary of progress of the arbitration movement and of the difficulties it must meet has been published.

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**Moule, Arthur E.** *Half a Century in China.* Pp. xii, 343. Price \$2.00. New York: Hodder & Stoughton, 1912.

One who reads this book doubts what Tennyson says about the Cycle of Cathay, for in richness of experience few lives equal that of the author. Fifty years of missionary work in China when the country was passing through its awakening bring experiences quite as thrilling as those of any western world dweller. The venerable Arthur Evans Moule made himself not only a resident of China, but one of her able interpreters.

China is in the throes of the Taiping rebellion when the story begins, and the first eighty pages cover the trials of the disturbed period 1861-4. Popular riots